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International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 52/95 of 12 December 1997 on the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its activities,

Reiterating the importance of the autonomous status of the Institute, as set out in article I of its statute,

Welcoming the recent appointment of the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

Bearing in mind that the entire operation of the Institute depends solely on voluntary contributions,

Expressing deep concern over the serious financial situation of the Institute and noting the efforts undertaken to date by the Director to assuage that concern,

Welcoming the growing number of developing countries that contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women,

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council and on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

Reiterating paragraph 334 of the Beijing Platform for Action[1] and the relevant provisions contained in the agreed conclusions of 1997/2 of the Economic and Social Council,[2] which emphasized the need for research and related training activities and the role of the Institute within the United Nations system,

1. Takes note of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its eighteenth session and the decisions contained therein;[3]

2. Also takes note of the programme budget of the Institute for the biennium 1998-1999, approved by the Board of Trustees at its eighteenth session;[3]

3. Commends the Institute for its efforts to coordinate its activities with the Division for the Advancement of Women of the United Nations Secretariat, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, and other entities of the United Nations and through relevant inter-agency and ACC subcommittees, and its efforts to develop joint activities and fund-raising with the specialized and related agencies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, so as to promote programmes that contribute to the advancement of women;

4. Stresses the importance of strengthening independent research, training and compilation of related databases, which are crucial elements for mainstreaming a gender perspective into policy, planning and implementation;

5. Requests the Director, in cooperation with the Board of Trustees and all interested partners, taking into account the outcome of the Inter-Agency Brainstorming Workshop and the International Dialogue on Research Pricrities, to draw up a strategic and comprehensive work plan, without delay, setting out a vision for the future, taking into account the comparative advantages of the Institute's mandate within the United Nations system;

6. Also requests the Joint Inspection Unit, in accordance with its proposed work plan, to do an evaluation of the Institute which should include a detailed analysis of the reasons for and the implications for the Institute at all levels of its financial and staffing situation and the results of the activities mentioned in paragraph 5;

7. Further requests the Director, in cooperation with the Board of Trustees, to present a report to the Economic and Social Council at its next substantive session, containing the following:

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[1] Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[2] A/53/3, chap. IV, sect. A.

[3] See E/1998/46.

(a) A detailed analysis of the reasons for and the implications for the Institute, at all levels, of its financial and staffing situation, including an up-to-date balance sheet of its finances and reserves and of all the steps taken to strengthen its financial and staffing situation, in accordance with the relevant articles of the statute of the Institute, including those on financial administration and system support, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

(b) Information of the progress of the preparation of a strategic and comprehensive work plan and on steps taken for its implementation;

(c) Information on the outcome of the planned Inter-Agency Brainstorming Workshop and the planned International Dialogue on Research Priorities;

8. Calls upon the regional commissions, the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies in the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, to coordinate fully with the Institute and to give support to it, particularly in the programming and implementation of joint activities;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide support to the Institute, particularly in fund-raising activities, by encouraging voluntary contributions to the Institute;

10. Invites Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute or increase their contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, taking into consideration the importance of those contributions in enabling the Institute to continue to respond effectively to its mandates.